GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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National Digital Degree Depository
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made any arrangement under the National Degree Depository to check the problem of fake degree/certificates issued to students; and
(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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(a) & (b) : The National Academic Depository (NAD) which is a 24 X 7 online store house of academic awards digitally lodged by various academic institutions / school boards / eligibility assessment bodies has been established. The University Grants Commission (UGC) has been designated as authorized body to operationalise NAD. NAD comprises of two interoperable digital depositories viz., NDSL Database Management Limited (NDML) and CDSL Ventures Limited (CVL).
The academic awards to be lodged on NAD cover degrees, diplomas, certificates, mark-sheets including awards issued for skill development. The academic awards will be lodged by the Academic Institutions on NAD and they shall be solely responsible for the authenticity of the data uploaded. However, the depositories in NAD shall be responsible for the integrity of the data uploaded on NAD.
Maintenance of academic awards in a digital depository not only enables online access, retrieval and verification of these awards, but also helps eliminating fraudulent practices such as forging of certificates, degrees and mark-sheets etc.
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